this refinery would be set up as a subsidiary of an existing public sector oil company with some State Government capital participation. The Government had approved the preparation of Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) on 17-1-1990. DFR has since been prepared and sent to Government. As per the DFR, the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1259.20 crores including foreign exchange component of Rs. 189.13 crores.

Mangalore Thermal Power Project

1050. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 420 MW Mangalore Thermal Power Project has been cleared; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for setting up the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The project requires environmental clearance by Minister of Environment and Forests.

Oil Production Targets

1051. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil companies in the country have pleaded with Government to slash their production targets for 1991-92 by over six million tonnes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Targets for crude oil production in 1991-92 are being finalised.

दिल्ली में ट्रेवल एजेंटों को लाइसेंस का जारी किया जाना

1052. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ट्रेवल एजेंटों के लिये दिल्ली में अपना कारोबार चलाने के लिये यह आवश्यक है कि वे स्वयं को पंजीकृत करायें और लाइसेंस प्राप्त करें;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ट्रेवल एजेंटों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्होंने लाइसेंस के लिये आवेदन किया है ; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिये कितने एजेंटों को लाइसेंस जारी कर दिये गये हैं और कितने आवेदन विचारार्थ लम्बित हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Inter-Ministerial Group for Economy in use of petrol and petroleum products

1053. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed an inter-ministerial group to look into the economy in use of petrol and petroleum products;

(b) if so, whether the group has submitted its report.

(c) if so, what are the main recommendations of the group; and

(d) what are the details of the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recommendations include measures for promoting conservation in various sectors such as transport, industrial, agricultural, household, etc. and also cover inter-fuel substitution energy auditing, creation of mass awareness about conservation, strengthening of research & development programmes, etc. The recommendations have been made available to the different Ministries concerned and have also been considered by the Committee of Secretaries.

Complaints against M/s. Kiran Gas Service, Khan Market, New Delhi

1054. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum limit of consumers has not been prescribed for an LPG distributor;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against M/s. Kiran Gas Service, Khan Market, New Delhi during the last 20 months alongwith the nature of complaints;

(d) what action has been taken on each complaint so far;

(e) whether it is also a fact that officials of oil companies are not taking strict action against the erring distributors; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No minimum/maximum number of consumers have been prescribed for an LPG distributorship.

(c) and (d) Six complaints were received and two could be substantiated, (i) one pertaining to delay in refill supply and (ii) the release of connection to a wrong person. Caution letter is to be issued.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Gas agencies in Almora and Nainital

1055. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of gas agencies functioning in Almora and Nainital districts of Uttar Pradesh at present; and

(b) what steps are being taken to open more such dealerships in these districts to cater to the needs of increasing population?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 15 (Fifteen).

(b) No additional LPG distributorship is proposed to be opened in these districts at present.

Power to Rajasthan from Central Pool

1056. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been inadequate allocation of power throughout the State of Rajasthan from the Central Sector Power Projects;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and whether it is also a fact that earlier allocation of power from Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station which used to be 15 per cent was subsequently reduced to 9.5 per cent; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps are likely to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?